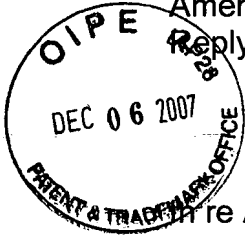


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**AMENDMENT**

Further to the Notice of Appeal received in the United States Patent & Trademark Office on July 30, 2007, and in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 17, 2007 ("Final Office Action"), the period for response having been extended by the petition and fee filed herewith, consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Entry of the enclosed Request for Continued Examination is also respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 05-0221.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.